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Column One

By

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THE conflict between the ideological system and the man who is a part of it, is grimly horrifying to those who watch. The historian may look at the process of purge and mass trial differently; but in the presence of these events, the mind, particularly of men brought up in the habit of a codified order of law, is appalled. The papers are full of reports today of preparations for a grand purge and mass trial to be held at Prague, in which will figure a group of former Party officials and officers of the General Staff — the human stuff of still another of those periodic *autos-da-fe* of traitors, spies, deviationists, saboteurs and (from some accounts) mere Zionists, which have become an oppressive part and parcel of the history of Communism.

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WHAT does it all mean? The mass trials are no customary performance of a harsh, blindly-objective law set in movement to prove men guilty of statutory offences. Their purpose would appear to be to prove through these men, that the security of the State and its citizens — aside from the ruling ideology—is threatened by American-sponsored subversiveness and by the counter-revolutionary elements of deviationism. The charged offenders appear as tools of a predatory Western policy; as men demoralised by the subtle inventions of heretics. In some cases, their guilt is laid by anticipation: that is to say, they are regarded as the likely prey of Western conspiracy — soft spots in the hard flesh and bone of the State, which must be dug out with the knife and replaced by the concrete of an undeviating conformism.

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THE motives are incomprehensible to most Western minds: they originate in a tradition and morality alien to us; and in a political system—the fount of this alien tradition and morality — which is fundamentally and actively hostile to our own. If we want seriously to get behind these dreadful, expiatory functions of Communism, and to understand a movement, the massive shadow of which causes us fearfully to snuff out even some of our own lights, we should try to look beyond the expanse of cruelty and tyranny, and the over-simplifications of mere anti-Communism, to the impulses of a social-political system which, for the most part, has been presented to us only in terms of propaganda and counter-propaganda taradiddle. That most objective and unimpassioned of newspapers "The Times," recently, in a wise article, attempted to get beyond the commonplaces of anti-Communism to a fair judgment of the causes which set in motion the terrifying melodrama of purge and mass trial.

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THE article points out that however carefully the Westerner may read the reports of Communist trials, he is baulked of understanding by the simple fact that his language has no proper equivalent to what the Communist means by spying, sabotage, treason or deviation. To begin with, as suggested in this column a few weeks ago, the Communist States are shown as less a matter of frontiers than of doctrine; and treason, therefore, as less a threat to the physical security of the State (in the Western patriotic sense) than to the State doctrine, within which is held tenaciously every branch of social commerce, including business, the arts — everything; so that it becomes as treasonable, for example, to tell a foreign businessman the proportion of cotton to wool used in a Soviet shirt as it would be for a Westerner to tell a foreign power the proportion of different metals used in the manufacture of a howitzer. Obviously such different values and their computation are no guide to moral judgment; but if they lead to some understanding of the motives upon which are built the sickening spectacle of mass purge and mass trial, they may lead to some understanding of Communism itself.

Tel Aviv, March 11.

Cuba's Batista Strikes Again

HAVANA, Cuba, Monday. — General Fulgencio Batista, Cuba's "President Maker," announced the formation of a new provisional Government today, after a melodramatic coup which involved a pre-dawn siege of the Presidential Palace, the hoisting of white sheets on the windows and roof of the buildings as a sign of surrender, and the hasty flight of the present President, Senor Carlos Prio Soccarras.

General Batista, who had already helped to overthrow three Presidents and to make two others in the last twenty years, managed to gain the support of the army for his "operation."

Unconfirmed reports said the President had taken a plane for Miami, Florida.

Two policemen and two soldiers of the Palace Guard died in a brief battle near the Palace, as Cubans woke to learn that the 51 year old Chilean-born barber's boy, who became their President in 1940-44, was again in the saddle.

Army tanks from Camp Columbia, Cuba's main army base, where General Batista installed himself, surrounded the Presidential Palace, but by then President Prio had got away in a car with his two brothers and his secretary.

The President, who was due to end this year a four year term as head of the Republic of five million people, issued an appeal to oppose the coup before he fled the Palace. He declared that friends of General Batista had gained control of the most important army posts.

First reports from Camp Columbia said the coup, almost bloodless, was completely successful. All army posts throughout the island had responded to General Batista's call, they claimed.

General Batista claimed today that he had moved to forestall a military coup which, he had learned, Prio planned if the Government candidate in the coming Presidential election, Carlos Hevia, failed to poll enough votes. He threw no light on the whereabouts of President Prio but said he would give him guarantees of safety.

113 Houses Demolished In Japan Earth Tremor

TOKYO, Monday (AP).—Scores of houses weakened by last week's heavy earthquake toppled to the ground today when a sharp earth tremor jolted Hokkaido and Northern Honshu.

At least 17 people were reported injured and possibly 113 houses demolished. Four people jumped from upstairs windows of their houses and were severely injured.

Tidal wave alarms were issued in several areas and thousands fled to the hills. They returned later after the waves failed to materialize.

Doctors Warn On Poor Nutrition

A warning that the "deteriorating nutrition situation is inherently dangerous" was issued yesterday by three members of the Central Committee of the Israel Medical Association at a press conference in Jerusalem.

Drs. Z. Avigdori, Y. Katzenellenbogen and A. Bruyan also announced that a two-day national conference of the Association will open on Friday in Tel Aviv.

Discussing the nutritional problem, the doctors declared that the Government promise to maintain a supply of basic commodities has not been kept. They admitted that no nutritional ailments had been recorded recently, but added that "as time goes on, we will pay dearly for the present deficiencies."

The doctors were sharply critical of the Army and public institutions in their treatment of their medical staffs. "The Army would not have to use methods such as increasing the age limit for doctors who are eligible for call-up or raising the period of service for doctors, if it improved conditions," they said, noting that poor salaries were paid.

They stated that the Association would aim at improving the working conditions of all doctors who are employed on a salary basis and who are about 65 per cent, or 1,800, of the country's total number of physicians. "The lot of the 300 Government doctors is especially bad," they said, "and if no improvements are forthcoming, a crisis is inevitable."

The Association plans to demand a six-hour work day and a four-week annual vacation for all doctors employed by institutions. They pointed out that nurses now have a 30-day yearly holiday. The Health Ministry will be asked to improve its conditions of work, they said. "If there is a lack of essential equipment there is no sense in establishing new dispensaries—just for the sake of statistics," they said. The Army will be asked to change the call-up age for doctors from 19-29 to 24-34 to permit young doctors to have the opportunity to specialize after graduation.

11 S. Africans Killed In Tribal Clashes

JOHANNESBURG, Monday (UP). — Eleven persons have been killed and nearly 200 injured in two days of rioting which have terrorized the native township of Newclare near here, police stated today.

The outbreak was believed to have been a sequel to inter-tribal riots which started last Christmas Day and caused the death of 37 persons and injury to 600. There have since been minor clashes between rival tribal factions.

Although the conflict has until now been entirely between the feuding African groups, Indian shopkeepers have boarded up their shops in Newclare and all bridges along the Johannesburg to Capetown railway route have been guarded by police in order to prevent sabotage.

Last night thousands of native families barricaded themselves in darkened shacks, hoping that the thugs would pass them by. This morning when police reinforcements arrived, hundreds of Basuto tribeswomen cheered the rioters on, shrieking tribal war chants and stirring them to attacks on vigilantes and police.

CIO Rejects Invitation To Moscow Talks

WASHINGTON, Monday Reuter).—The Congress of Industrial Organizations has rejected an invitation to attend a trade conference in Moscow next month.

ISRAEL DELEGATION

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The composition of the delegation to the Moscow Economic Conference is being discussed by a committee of sponsors which was elected here last night by persons connected with the Peace Committee. It is believed that at least five persons will attend the conference, among them Mapam Knesset members and two or three contractors and industrialists. The list will be published shortly.

Among those invited to participate in the conference was Prof. Alfred Bonne, of the Hebrew University. He is reported to have said he was unable to attend.

SAILOR DROWNED

An officer was swept away and a soldier injured when a Navy boat capsized in Elath Bay yesterday during a storm.

The boat had gone to the aid of a fishing vessel which needed help.

Elath was hit by a sandstorm, blown up by an 80-kilometre an hour wind, which swept down from the Negev yesterday.

Schumacher Fails To Win Landslide In S.W. Germany

STUTTGART, Monday. — Dr. Kurt Schumacher's Social Democratic Party failed to win an emphatic victory for their anti-rearmament policy in yesterday's elections to the Constituent Assembly of the new South-West German State, this morning's official returns revealed.

Some 2,600,000 persons, about 64 per cent of the electorate, went to the polls, some 44 per cent of them voting for various opposition parties to the Bonn Government. Of these the Social Democrats received 29 per cent, the Communists five per cent, and the extreme nationalist groups (Socialist Reich Party, Refugee Bloc, Independents and German Community) about 10 per cent.

Of the other parties, the centre groups (Christian Democrats and Centre Party) received about 38 per cent and the other major party in the Coalition, the Liberal Democrats, some 18 per cent. Some 56 per cent of the electorate thus expressed their support of the Government's policy.

Below Expectations

Although the Socialists increased their vote, largely at the expense of the Communists, and the Government parties lost mainly to the nationalist extremists (in comparison to the 1949 elections to the Bonn Federal Assembly), Schumacher's party failed to secure the striking gains which even his opponents had expected. The Socialist success was nevertheless not inconsiderable since the area is predominantly rural and Catholic with the exception of the Stuttgart and Karlsruhe-Mannheim areas.

Many Government supporters had shown their anxiety over the outcome by fighting shy over the rearmament issue and keeping to local problems. The Socialists, on the other hand, had tended to give prominence to the foreign policy problem.

In the Constituent Assembly, which will choose a capital and a constitution for the new State, the Christian Democrats will have 50 seats, the Social Democrats 38, the Free Democrats 23, the Refugee Bloc 6 and the Communists 4.

(Reuter, UP)

Peace with W. Germans By April, Says McCloy

BONN, Monday (AP). — The U.S. High Commissioner in Germany, Mr. John McCloy, predicted today that the Western Allies would complete a Peace Contract with the Germans by April 1, but he warned that plans to end the occupation and to arm German soldiers for Western defence could be delayed by French political developments.

Declaring that the festering Franco-German quarrel over the Saar "is a threat to European unity," Mr. McCloy called on Germans and French to settle their differences over this rich industrial area in advance of the final peace treaty between Germany and the victors of World War II.

In an interview, Mr. McCloy said that there were some risks, considering recent German history, in granting near-sovereignty to the Germans and permitting them to rearm. The Peace Contract now being negotiated by France, Britain and the U.S. with Germany would end most occupation controls and permit the Germans to have troops inside the six nation European Army.

At this stage, however, he felt that this would be less risky than continuing indefinitely with Germany in the status of an occupied country.

Agreement Reached on Gradual Release of Frozen Stocks

An agreement on the gradual release of frozen stocks against equivalent payments by manufacturers of the difference between old and new prices was reached yesterday at a meeting in Jerusalem between Commerce Minister Dov Joseph and representatives of the Manufacturers' Association, it was announced last night.

Manufacturers and others involved will pay into the Treasury 25 per cent of the difference within a fortnight and will receive 25 per cent of their stocks. The remaining 75 per cent of the price difference is to be paid in four monthly instalments of 18.75 per cent each. A commensurate release of stock will accompany each payment.

To Get Reduction

Those paying the full difference immediately, or within two weeks after the first payment, will receive a five per cent reduction in the overall payment. A manufacturer will be entitled to receive a portion of his stocks any time before one of the fixed dates, on payment of a corresponding sum.

Special arrangements will be made to cover release of raw materials earmarked for export.

Quantities of stocks which were frozen during the recent inventory have already been released, especially raw materials or products for export industries. In a number of cases stocks were unfrozen since the owners were prepared to pay the full difference between the old and new prices in one instalment, a Ministry of Commerce spokesman announced in Jerusalem yesterday. The spokesman also stated that new prices for many industrial products have been fixed already. Though these are higher, increased production costs will not in most cases increase the rate of profit.

New Prices

New prices for food commodities are expected to be announced in a few days. Locally slaughtered meat and high-quality cheese will also be dearer. Pasteurized milk will cost 35 pruta a bottle, he said.

Other new prices cover the ice ration (55 pruta for 50 grams); noodles, 340 pruta a kilogram; and bananas, 340 pruta a kilogram. A 400-gram package of cornflour will cost 180 pruta, while a 400-gram of [illegible] will sell for 180 pruta. "Pita" (flat Arab bread) in various types will cost an additional 10 per cent.

Frank Discussion On Haifa Port Thefts

HAIFA, Monday. — A frank and searching discussion of the problem of thefts, pilferage and smuggling in the Port was held here this evening under the auspices of the Haifa Labour Council in the presence of the Port Management, Port police, workers and service companys' representatives.

The picture emerged that while in value thefts were not as extensive as the public was often led to believe, the respect for property was declining and immediate action was imperative.

Every importer could smuggle out any quantity of timber and iron with the connivance of only two minor employees. The Labour Council secretary said thefts committed by Navy personnel had reached scandalous proportions.

Only recently had the Communications Ministry approved the organization of a civilian security section proposed 18 months ago to provide better control of the 13,000 persons and 700 vehicles entering the Port daily. Recommendations of Government and Knesset committees for reform had remained on paper, he said. A volunteer force would now be set up to combat thefts and pilferage and the Minister of Communications would be asked to appoint an enquiry committee.

Two law breakers who had their Port passes taken from them were back at work, a foreman told the gathering. Nobody could steal or smuggle without the help of some officials or police, he said.

Prague Party Purge Believed Completed

VIENNA, Monday (UP).—A purge of the [illegible] followers of the ousted Secretary-General of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, Mr. Rudolf Slansky, is apparently complete today with the appointment of the third new Secretary of the Party's Central Committee.

The Prague newspaper "Rude Pravo" disclosed that Mr. Jindrich Uher, 49, former Party chief in the Gottwaldov region, was named as one of the six Party Secretaries who make up the Orgburo, second higher body in the Party.

Zionist Council To Meet on May 7

The postponement of the meeting of the Zionist General Council, originally scheduled for this month, aroused spirited discussion at yesterday morning's session of the plenary of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem. The plenary fixed May 7 as the date of the Council meeting, but not before Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, Knesset Speaker and Chairman of the Council Praesidium, had in no uncertain terms voiced his opposition to the postponement. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who presided, explained the circumstances which had moved the majority of the Executive to favour postponement.

The afternoon and evening sessions were devoted to the widely acknowledged decline in the vigour of the Zionist movement since the establishment of the State. Mr. Zvi Herman, head of the Organization Department, advocated allocation to the various national Zionist organizations abroad of some of the functions now performed by the Zionist Executive or its emissaries. Among these, he said, were organization, public relations, education, immigration, mobilization of capital and part of "hachshara" activities.

Dr. Emmanuel Neumann, at the morning budget discussions recommended special housing developments for professional immigrants and a IL.500,000 allocation for this purpose. A report, that Dr. Goldmann had threatened to resign on the issue of the status of Zionist Organization, was vigorously denied.

Purim Story Recited

The Biblical story of the redemption of the Jews of Persia by the intervention of Queen Esther was read in synagogues all over the country yesterday except in Jerusalem, which as a walled city celebrates the Feast of Purim tonight.

Police guards and University and Hadassah-workers on Mt. Scopus will give a torch salute to Jerusalem at 6:15 this evening.

This young Jerusalemite got all dressed up in Chinese garb to go to a Purim party—but stopped at the dentist on the way. —Photo by Brauner

Some 12,000 Scrolls of Esther were distributed to children in ma'barot and new settlements by the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

In Tel Aviv, teen-agers donned Purim costumes and detonations of firecrackers could be heard in the streets all through the evening. Scores of Arab children in Jaffa paraded through the streets in masquerade garb, while many Jewish children dressed as Arabs. Particularly colourful costumes were worn by Bulgarian immigrant children.

PARENTS SEE P.M. ON POUND RATE

A committee of parents whose children are studying abroad asked the Prime Minister yesterday, at a conference in Jerusalem, not to make any change in the financial arrangements during the present school year.

Mr. Ben Gurion stated that the Government programme which set up the rate of IL.1—$1 for students abroad was not meant to cause any undue hardship, but was drafted because of the country's difficult financial situation. He promised that the Government would do everything in its power to prevent any injustices that might arise from the new law.

Professor S. Adler of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, who also attended the conference, reported on the importance of enabling students to study abroad, especially since certain essential courses were unavailable in Israel.

PUCZYC CLEARED OF WAR CRIMES

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM).—Mr. Moshe Puczyc, one-time Parliamentary Secretary to the Jewish deputies in the Polish Sejm, was acquitted by the District Court here today of war-crimes, of turning over Jewish prisoners to the Nazis and of beating inmates in the Ostrowitz Ghetto where he was a Deputy Commander of Jewish Police.

The court, which comprised Judges Avisar (presiding), Levin and Lamm, held that the prisoner had in fact improved conditions in the Ghetto after he took over.

In a three-hour judgment, the Court stated that the prosecution witnesses could not be believed, because they hated the accused and blamed him for crimes performed by others.

The prisoner, after hearing the judgment, thanked the Court warmly for having cleared him.

NATO States Restrict E. European Diplomats

Rules for Travel Announced

LONDON, Monday (Reuter).—Four NATO countries today imposed immediate restrictions on the movement of Soviet and other East European diplomats. Britain, the U.S., France and the Netherlands announced travel curbs similar to those imposed on Western diplomats in East European capitals.

Britain put up an "iron curtain" restricting Communist diplomats to an area within 25 miles of London.

The Government told the diplomatic missions of Russia, Rumania and Bulgaria in notes that their diplomats, trade delegates and journalists will have to apply for permission if they want to go further from the capital.

Hungarian diplomats are already confined to an 18-mile radius of London.

The Foreign Office said all representatives of the three countries will have to give 48 hours' notice if they want to go more than 25 miles away from London.

The Bulgarian Minister or Charge d'Affaires will personally be exempt from the regulation since the British Minister in Sofia is not tied to a similar order in Bulgaria.

Russian officials will be able to travel the 45 miles to the Embassy's country home at Hawkhurst, south of London, by a regular route without having to give notice. Britons employed by the missions of the three countries will not be affected by the ban.

U.S. Restrictions

The U.S. restrictions were announced in a note sent to the Soviet Embassy here. It said the U.S. was prepared to re-examine the question in the light of treatment accorded U.S. officials in Russia.

The order restricts Soviet personnel assigned to the Embassy, the Soviet representatives of the Tass news agency here and Soviet officials assigned to Amtorg, the Russian trading agency in New York. They are banned from travelling more than 40 kms. beyond either city without prior notice to the State Department.

Travel restrictions were imposed on Hungarian and Rumanian diplomats in the U.S. over a year ago.

France limited the movement of Russian nationals to the three Departments nearest Paris—Seine, Seine-et-Oise and Seine-et-Marne.

Within those departments the areas surrounding General Eisenhower's headquarters at Louveciennes, near Versailles, and the NATO Central European headquarters at Fontainbleau, south of Paris, will be out of bounds.

France imposed similar restrictions on Albanian, Hungarian and Rumanian diplomats about a year ago. The restrictions apply to Soviet diplomats, consular and trade representatives, journalists and their families, staff and servants of Soviet nationality.

Czechoslovak and Polish diplomats in France will be allowed to move freely in France as French diplomats in those two countries are unrestricted in movement.

Holland restricted free movement of Soviet, Hungarian and Rumanian diplomats, Tass correspondents and trade mission agents to the provinces of South Holland and North Holland south of the North Sea Canal.

London Sees Burma Situation Serious

LONDON, Monday (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Nutting, Foreign Under-Secretary, said today Britain would do all she could to "take the heat out of the potentially dangerous situation" in Burma caused by the presence of Chinese Nationalist forces in Kengtung Province.

He told the Commons he thought the best way was to concentrate on action proposed by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to send a U.N. mission to Burma.

Mr. Philip Noel Baker, Labour, asked whether the Government would urge the Security Council to invite the Chinese Nationalist authorities in Formosa to withdraw their forces in Kengtung Province. Mr. Nutting replied: "No Sir."

Mr. Noel Baker then asked if Burma did not have the right under the U.N. Charter to have these troops withdrawn. Was not Thailand ready to allow them to cross, and ought not Britain to ask the Chinese Nationalist spokesman in the Security Council to give an assurance that orders had been given for withdrawal?

Mr. Nutting said the Burmese government certainly had the right to ask for withdrawal of those troops.

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — Republican Senator Robert Taft said today that President Truman decided not to bomb Communist air bases in Manchuria because he did not want to offend Britain in Korean war policy.

Mr. Taft, who is a contender for the Republican Party's endorsement as its candidate in the presidential elections, said it was nonsense for Mr. Truman to say that to bomb Manchuria might bring Russia into the Korean war.

In an interview published by the "United States News and World Report," an independent news magazine, he said that "Britain's thinking on Korean policy is completely unreasonable in a war in which American boys are being killed and wounded. I think we have a right to insist on their cooperation." He was not in favour of a naval blockade of China at the moment.

He said he favoured going to war with China if the Communists attacked Indo-China, but he would not send U.S. troops. He would arm the Chinese Nationalist forces and send them to defend Indo-China where they might at least hamper the Communists.

Russia Supplies Most Korea Arms

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter). — U.N. headquarters said tonight that most of the Communists' war equipment in Korea was supplied by Russia. Most of the weapons used were Soviet made and supplied. Some of the weapons were described as "more than adequate to meet modern warfare requirements."

Although headquarters has accused the Communists before of using Russian materiel, this is the first detailed accounting of types.

Today's statement was timed, observers here believe, to strengthen the Allied arguments in the ceasefire talks against admission of Russia as a neutral observer nation.

Talks Adjourned

At today's meeting the U.N. negotiator, Rear-Admiral R. E. Libby, adjourned the talks for 24 hours and said he hoped the other side would "negotiate on a more dignified plane next time."

Admiral Libby told reporters after a fruitless meeting of the subcommittee discussing prisoner exchange that he had spent 45 minutes answering Communist allegations of "illegal activities" in Allied prisoner of war camps. The Communists accuse the Allies of coercing captured Communists into anti-Communist organizations.

The truce supervision sub-committee also had a fruitless six-minute meeting today, failing to agree among other things on the Communist nomination of Russia as a member of a neutral armistice inspection commission.

Vietminh Threat To Hanoi Eased

SAIGON, Monday. — French Union forces have surrounded two Vietminh battalions on Van Coi Island in the Red River, about 20 miles north-west of Hanoi, a French Army communique said tonight.

One hundred prisoners with arms and equipment had been captured and up to 350 Vietminh dead counted in a four-day battle. One of the encircled battalions is from the crack 316th Division which has been infiltrating from the north.

Fifteen railway carriages hurtled into a ravine in Indo-China today, killing 85 and injuring 23.

All the victims were natives of Cambodia or Vietnam.

The disaster, the result of sabotage, occurred 30 miles north-west of Pnom Penh. Officials said the rails had been loosened and that mines planted along the road were exploded as the train passed. A bridge which the train was approaching had also been mined.

(Reuter, UP)

Japan Not Rearming At Present—Yoshida

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida told the Diet today that Japan did not intend to rearm at present. He said only the U.S. post-peace treaty garrison would have major armaments.

Small Japanese forces were planned for maintaining public order. The Government was planning a gradual increase of Japan's "self-defence potential," but this was not rearmament. A Government department would be set up to coordinate these internal forces with the post-treaty U.S. garrison.

Bevan Charges U.S. Arms Plan Is Menacing Peace of World

RHYMNEY, South Wales, Monday.—Mr. Aneurin Bevan, fiery left-wing Labour leader, last night charged that the U.S. rearmament programme menaces world peace. Addressing his constituency here, he threatened to "go it alone" without the moderate Labourites in his fight against Premier Winston Churchill.

"Too many leaders in the U.S. think they have the holy mission in life to destroy world Communism," Mr. Bevan said. "I do not believe ideas can be destroyed by weapons." He called for greater applications of "social justice" to halt the spread of Communism.

So far as Soviet Communism has plans to overcome the world those plans are more dangerous on the political and economic side than the military, he said, and asked: "If the Soviet Union really wants to have a showdown why does it wait until we get stronger?"

Making his first public speech since he and 56 supporters defied Labour leaders and voted against Britain's defence programme in Parliament last week, he said: "All we did was to refuse to vote for an amendment that supported the armament programme over which we had resigned." (He resigned from the Party last year in protest against the scale of armament).

On the question of bombing airfields in China, if attacks were launched from them on U.N. troops in Korea, he said he would tell the Chinese that if they do this they would be bombed—but they also should have been told that Britain was abandoning Chiang Kai-shek's forces in Formosa. "In other words, pursue peace as well as war."

Mr. Bevan predicted that the Conservatives will cut the social services as the price of rearmament, and said: "I would rather go out of public life than lend my assistance to breaking down the structure I helped to erect." (UP, Reuter)

Labour to Decide On Bevan Today

LONDON, Monday (Reuter).—Labour leaders will tomorrow ask the Party's parliamentary group to present an ultimatum to Mr. Aneurin Bevan and his 56 followers who defied the leadership in the voting on the armament policy last week. They will be asked to promise by Friday night not to oppose future decisions of the majority—or face expulsion.

Another important event tomorrow will be the presentation to Commons by Chancellor of the Exchequer Richard Butler of the first Conservative Party Budget in 13 years.

Sharett-Eden Meeting Postponed Till Today

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Defence talks between Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Foreign Secretary Antony Eden have been postponed from today until tomorrow because the latter has not recovered from an attack of influenza and laryngitis.

Mr. Sharett, who is on a two-week visit to Britain, was to have discussed with Mr. Eden Middle East defence and other questions of interest between the two countries.

The Israel Foreign Minister, who returns home on Friday, will tonight be entertained to dinner by the Marquess of Reading, parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Tomorrow he will address the foreign press in London and on Wednesday he will speak to a meeting of the British section of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Mr. Eden is to have a period of convalescence in the country before returning to full duty, a Foreign Office spokesman announced today. He is expected to leave his London home on Wednesday and to stay in the country until Monday.

SHARETT INDISPOSED

LONDON, Monday (INA). — Mr. Sharett was confined indoors today in the home of Mr. Eliahu Elath, Minister to Britain, on doctor's orders owing to a slight touch of influenza.

He is, however, expected to be able to carry out tomorrow's engagements, including the meeting with Mr. Eden.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Proposed restrictions on the use of building materials will be discussed at the next meeting of the Economic Council, called by the Prime Minister for next Monday in his office in Jerusalem. Reports of sub-committees will also be heard.

Hassuna Pays Visit To British Envoy

CAIRO, Monday. — Foreign Minister Abdel Khalek Hassuna Pasha today called on British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson. A British Embassy spokesman said it was made "in reply to the Ambassador's visit to the Minister when he took office earlier this month.

Non-Workers Must Leave Rumanian Cities

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Rumanian authorities have ordered all those who are not workers to leave the larger cities, it was learned here. It is believed that most of the victims of this regulation are Jews.

Unconfirmed reports say that Jews who had applied for emigration permits are as yet unaffected by the new policy. No reliable estimates exist on how many Jews are to be expelled from Rumanian cities.

Cables in Brief

REARMAMENT.—Economists from Socialist Parties of ten European countries and Japan yesterday in Sonning, England, discussed the impact of rearmament on living standards.

ARRIVAL.—The Austrian Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Adolph Schaerf, on Sunday arrived by train in Knoxville, Tennessee, for a visit of TVA installations.

CLASH.—A British patrol yesterday engaged about 50 armed guerrillas in Wellesley Province, Northern Malaya and claimed to have killed one guerrilla and wounded seven others.

MEETING. — The recently appointed Pakistan Ambassador to France, Habib Rahimtoola, yesterday made his first call at the French Foreign Office, where he conferred with the Secretary-General, M. Alexandre Parodi.

ELECTIONS.—Electoral rolls for the general elections to be held under the proposed new constitution for the Sudan will be prepared shortly, it was announced in Khartoum yesterday.

MIRACLE.—The Vatican has discovered that two photographs published by its daily newspaper, "Osservatore Romano" and professing to show a miracle were in fact fakes.

MISSING.—After seven ship disasters in the North Sea area on Sunday night, when rough seas menaced navigation, 56 seamen were known to be missing, many of them believed to be drowned.

INTEREST.—Addressing a meeting in Hyderabad on Sunday of the local branch of the Indian Social Workers' Conference, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt stated that Premier Nehru's visit to the U.S. had awakened American interest in Indian affairs.

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ON April 3 an "International Economic Conference" will open in Moscow. Its aims, as reported by Tass, include those of "extending international trade relations and diminishing the economic difficulties which many countries have experienced of late." There are excellent ideas. That there is considerable difference between the real and the professed intentions of the sponsors of the Moscow meeting will be generally assumed on the basis of past experience.

NEXT MONTH IN MOSCOW

The main purpose of the conference will be propagandistic, and all other considerations will be of a secondary nature; but it will be regrettable (and will provide Communists with a good talking point in the propaganda war) if no non-Communists and non-fellow travelling representatives from abroad go to Moscow to see for themselves if there is anything in the professed wish for economic cooperation between East and West. Israel has always been in favour of strengthening its economic ties with the Eastern bloc. To date, however, the Eastern countries have shown only a very limited interest in imports from Israel, nor have they granted the necessary facilities which would render possible Israel's importation of Eastern goods in any quantity. As a result, economic relations between Israel and the East have of necessity been extremely restricted.

Needless to say, any Eastern contacts, provided there were no political strings attached, would be warmly welcomed in this country, but, as Frederick Engels was fond of saying, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." Despite the mouth-watering promises of the Moscow conveners, it remains to be seen whether where will, in fact, be any pudding, how big it will be, and on what conditions one will be allowed to taste it.

ART NOTES

Swiss Posters

The exhibition of Swiss Posters, selected by the "Pro Helvetia" Foundation, which opened last Thursday at the Bezalel Museum, is a joy to behold. Julius Klinger, the Grand Old Man of European "Art to a Purpose", always stressed the basic affinity between heraldry and poster design. He taught that observation of the heraldic tenets of colour combination and lay-out was the best recipe for successful posters.

One of the two great trends in Swiss poster art is clearly heraldic, striving for utmost simplification in symbolic representation. Most successful are Donald Brun's "Pro Infirmis" poster depicting a chained wing; Hans Hartmann's "Lindlaan"; the "Aero all Europa" by Lutz; Leupin's exclamation mark, formed by a rolled "Weltwoche", and his [illegible] traffic sign recommending a mineral water; and Sollberger's snow crystal "Winter Help".

Equally successful are the [illegible], who with the help of the master printers of Switzerland, exhibit lovely pictures enchantingly reproduced. Most beautiful are Hans Erni's "Swiss Seascape" and Hans Falk's "Lady in Silk". A close runner up is Carigiet's splendid "Tractor".

Leupin's coiffure leprechaun is very amusing, and Donald Brun's "Zeroby Cat" is delicious. Rudi Barth's "Zoo" poster, zebras galloping over a zebra [illegible], Erni's "Cinema" poster which pokes fun at Max Elon Holmann's exemplary stage posters, and [illegible] "Tenhalle" are other highlights of this fine show.

Th. F.M.

THREE BIBLICAL LECTURES
will be given by Gertrud Wasserzug Ph.D. and Mrs. K.E. Neighbour, both of the Bible School Beatenberg, Switzerland, on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. evenings (March 13-15) at 8 p.m., in the Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall. Subjects: *The Truth of the Word of God. The Way of Salvation. The vital Power of the Holy Spirit.*
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Yesterday's Press Review

Mapam Protest Against 'Free Area' Posters

Protesting against the posting on billboards of "Free Mordecai Oren" posters—allegedly by Mapam and Communist leaders, whose names were included in the "call" to action and protest — "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) calls the whole affair "an obvious case of provocation." The paper notes that the poster did not indicate who printed it, and demands an investigation to ascertain the identity of the publisher and his sources of newsprint and funds.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) scores Mr. Shragai's statement to the Mayor of New York, in which he introduced himself as the Mayor of Jerusalem and a Hapoel Hamizrahi representative. It is the linking of the two roles to which "Ha'aretz" takes exception.

Planned celebration of the "3,000th Birthday" of Jerusalem also comes in for the paper's criticism. Whereas the date of the actual foundation of Jerusalem has never been established, the paper asserts, it was certainly more than 3,000 years ago, as even Biblical references tend to demonstrate. Mr. Shragai, as an observant Jew, would have done well to have dissociated himself from this "propaganda campaign," "Ha'aretz" concludes.

The "Haifa Traffic Scandal" draws the fire of both "Hamodia" (Agudat Israel) and "Hahed" (Agudat Israel), both of which demand the complete cessation of public transport on the Sabbath.

Commenting on the recent Hashomer Hatzair conference, "Davar" (Histadrut) reports that two members of the Executive have changed their shoes, respectively, to "Poled" (Stalin) and "Patish" (Molotov).

While "Herut" again attacks reparation talks with what it calls the (German) Nazis, "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) protests against the "barbaric acts" of what it calls the (American) Nazis. The latter, the paper reports on "reliable authority," have poisoned both water and air in Korea with 16 different types of bacteria.

Home Greens

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Levi Eshkol, voiced full support today for the campaign by a citizens' group called "Magen David Yarok" (Green Shield of David) to promote the planting of vegetables in home gardens.

He said a plot of 100 square metres would yield two annual crops of 200 kilograms each which should be sufficient for a family of four. This would require two or three hours of work a week.

The Minister said the Government would assist in providing seeds, seedlings, chemical fertilizers and perhaps irrigation pipes as well.

Mr. Eshkol said no relief would be felt in the vegetable supply situation before June.

DINABURG MEETS HISTADRUT

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Minister of Education, Professor Benzion Dinaburg, today discussed cooperation between the Ministry and the Histadrut in the field of adult education at a meeting with the Histadrut Cultural Committee.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 240 M.; TEL AVIV: 43.9, 33.3 & 532 M.
FIRST PROGRAMME

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.30 Music (R). 11.30 Midday [illegible] (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner. 12.02 Programme for Hospitals. 12.30 At the Opera (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 2.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Purim Programme. 4.30 Piano Duets: Max Preves & Gert Bendl. 4.45 Variety (R). 5.25 Language Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Purim Programme. 7.40 "Noah's Ark." 8.25 Bible Reading. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Shabtai Petrushka. Soloists: Hannah Zamir & Avraham Wilkomirsky: Light Music & Songs. 10.30 Requests. 11.05 Dance Music (R). 12.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
468, 228, 377, 43.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.30 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.

4.00 p.m. Chamber Music (R). 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 5.20 Interlude. 5.30 Science Studio. 5.50 Story. 6.00 Talk. 6.15 Close Down.

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About 600 eggs were stolen from the grocery of Hans Simko in the Mahane Yehuda market in Jerusalem on Sunday night.

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A truck set in motion by a 14-year-old boy overturned and was badly damaged. The boy was hurt slightly.

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The first conference of school dentists will open at the Gesia School in Haifa at 3.30 tomorrow afternoon, under the auspices of the Israel Dental Association.

Police Act Quickly

Within 24 hours after the report of the theft of IL.4,500 worth of jewellery from the home of Pinchas Schmeltzer, of Rehov Yeshayahu, on Saturday night, Jerusalem police succeeded in recovering the stolen articles and arrested a suspect, Mordechai Rivach, 24, a watchman at the Mt. Zion synagogue. Police state that he was seen loitering near the house.

A search of Mt. Zion revealed allegedly stolen gold watches, medallions and precious stones wrapped in a kerchief in a cave near David's tomb.

The suspect is reportedly an acquaintance of Mr. Schmeltzer. (ITIM).

STRIKES PLANNED

TEL AVIV, Monday.— A half day's protest strike and mass demonstrations were decided upon yesterday at a meeting of workers' committees held at the Mapam club here.

The strike will be in protest against the Government's new economic policy which, Mapam leaders claim, will cause mass unemployment, starvation and a lower standard of living.

CALL-UP SUCCESSFUL

The sudden call-up exercises for reserve units which started yesterday were completed successfully, an Army spokesman announced last night in Tel Aviv.

Call-ups had been announced by radio and in the press.

The exercises are to continue, the anouncement said.

NO FOOD COUPONS FOR SHIRKERS

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Persons who have not rendered their military service will not receive food coupons, according to a proposal under discussion between the Army and the Ministry of Commerce, it was learned here today.

The Army, which is seeking sanctions against shirkers, also proposes to introduce a bill in the Knesset to make the employment of shirkers punishable under law.

TRANSILVANIA LATE

HAIFA, Monday. — The s.s. Transilvania, due here with some 900 immigrants from Rumania on Thursday, will arrive a day late. The delay has been arranged to avoid passenger congestion in the port as the m.s. Caronia, carrying tourists, will be in port at the same time.

PASSOVER RATIONS

The Passover ration of matzot will be 2½ kilograms, plus 600 grams of matzot flour, the Ministry of Commerce stated in Jerusalem yesterday. The entire ration will cost 560 prutā.

RATION NEWS

HAIFA and SAMARIA — Butter: 100 grams, Aleph, Kaf 42; Bet, Zadi 41; 50 grams, Gimel, Dalet and Heh, Peh 41, Ayin 11 and Tet 11, respectively. Sick persons—Butter: 200 grams, Het Bet 9 and 10; and Het Gimel 9 and 10; 100 grams, Het Aleph 1 and 2; poultry, Het Bet 8. Expectant mothers:— Eggs: 8; butter, 200 grams, Dalet 4 (17, new cards). Eggs: second March ration, 4, Zayin 23.

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HAIFA MAYOR ASKS HIGHER TAXES

HAIFA, Monday. — Tenants here will pay 50 per cent more in Municipal taxes and houseowners 33 per cent more if the Mayor's suggestion for a temporary two-month budget is accepted at the next Council session.

These increases will be advances on those to be fixed finally when the Government's new tax laws are passed by the Knesset. The regular annual budget will then be presented.

The Mayor, Mr. Abba Khoushy, announced that the Municipality has dismissed 120 workers and 70 clerks in view of the difficult financial situation.

Replying to questions asking both for expansion of Saturday transport and, by the religious bloc, for its stoppage, the Mayor said that the problem was complicated and would be debated fully. All would be done to provide adequate transport, but at the same time to avoid offending religious residents, he said.

The Nahariya Local Council has asked Rehod to continue Sabbath transport to the town which, as a recreation centre, would be hard-hit by the stoppage.

Mr. Khoushy will leave for the U.S. on Thursday for one month on behalf of the Bond Drive.

Electric Bulb Shortage May Dim-out T.A.

TEL AVIV, Monday.— Streets may be darker here owing to a shortage of electric bulbs, the Tel Aviv Municipality said here today.

The Mayor, Mr. Israel Rokach, has appealed to the Government for an urgent allocation of £1,000 for the purchase of bulbs abroad, claiming that the Municipality received only a quarter of the 4,000 bulbs it needs every month. Adequate street lighting, the Mayor asserted, was vital for security, particularly in the suburbs.

KAROBELNIK CASE

TEL AVIV, Monday.—Yehuda Karobelnik, who had claimed at yesterday's hearing of the Levi murder trial that Nissim Levi had been choking him before he was killed, was cross-examined today as to how the victim could have been strangling him while he held bread in his hand and a bag under his arm. The prosecution had brought evidence earlier that the dead man had been holding these things.

Yehuda Karobelnik, who is on trial together with his brother for the murder of Levi, in Jaffa last year, told the District Court that the whole thing had happened within a few minutes and just after he awoke from sleep, so the details were not clear in his mind.

The case was adjourned until Wednesday.

10 EGGS A DAY

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM).— A porter, Haim Shinder, who was arrested today while allegedly in possession of 3,850 eggs and 24 chickens, refused to disclose who owned them.

Entertainment

TEL AVIV
7 & 9.30 p.m.: "Li-La-Lo News"; Li-La-Lo Theatre; Jascha Heifetz Hall.
HEDERA
9 p.m.: "Lady Precious Stream"; Chamber Theatre; Hof Hall.
RAANANA
9 p.m.: "The Glass Menagerie"; Chamber Theatre; Bet Hapoalim Hall.
JERUSALEM CINEMAS (6.30 & 9.00)
ARNON: Let's Dance.
EDEN: Father's Little Dividend.
EDISON: Alice in Wonderland.
ORION: Love Happy (Also at 10.30 a.m.)
SEMADAR: The Third Man.
STUDIO: House of Strangers.
ZION: Bird of Paradise.

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Tomorrow, March 12, at 8.30 p.m.

Fined for Cockroach

TEL AVIV, Monday. — When Mrs. Hana Chared wanted to treat her nine year old son, Yigael, to a cake, she let him enter the Kapulsky Conditory in Rehov Allenby here last July and purchase one. He came out with a sweet bun. Biting into it, he sunk his teeth into a black crusty matter which his mother thought must be jam. "It's a cockroach," the boy exclaimed, and so it was.

Mr. Akiva Kapulski was fined IL.5 by the magistrate here today with the alternative of five days in prison.

Watchman Charged With Murder and Robbery

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Abraham Chipnik, 20, a new immigrant from Poland, accused of the murder of Eliyahu Siman Tov, 48, in Asdud of Feb. 3 and robbing him of IL.200, was today brought before Magistrate Z. Waldman here for the preliminary investigation.

The accused had been on guard duty with Siman Tov, watching abandoned Arab property and, according to the charge sheet, shot his sleeping comrade and robbed the body. He allegedly fled to Gan Shmuel and then went with a girl friend for a trip round the country. After he returned to Asdud he was arrested and confessed, the prosecution asserted today.

A report on the mental state of the accused, made by the Psychiatrist, Dr. R. Meier and submitted by the prosecution, found the accused normal, though mentally retarded. He was sufficiently developed to understand that murder was forbidden, the report stated. The investigation was adjourned until Sunday.

Doctor Testifies In Abortion Trial

HAIFA, Monday. — Testifying at the trial in the Magistrate's Court here of Dr. Moshe Horowitz, accused of allegedly having caused the death of a woman on whom he had performed an abortion, Dr. R. M. Hefetz, the head of the Rothschild Hospital Maternity Section, said he received the patient in an extremely serious condition and too late for an operation. The accused reportedly told him that she had undergone an abortion, but he did not know who had performed it.

Police Superintendent Y. Prag testified that he arrested Dr. Horowitz on February 14 and charged him with murder. He also took the accused's case-book in which the name of the dead woman was framed in black, he said. The hearing will continue on Thursday.

PEDESTRIAN HIT

A U.N. car struck a pedestrian, Mr. Avraham Bruder, 33, in Rehov Yehezkiel, near the central Tnuva station in Jerusalem yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bruder was taken to Hadassah Hospital where he was treated for serious facial injuries. The driver, Albert Pollak, a U.N. employee, was released pending police investigation. (*Itim*)

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NEW YORK, Monday. — Bond drive officials stated today that they were "very definitely" satisfied with the result of yesterday's campaign effort, in which 60,000 volunteers conducted house to house drives throughout the country.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Israel Minister of Labour, now visiting the U.S., remained at Bond Drive headquarters until late last night, receiving reports of sales in various cities.

In a coast to coast telephone broadcast before the campaign started, Mrs. Myerson had told volunteers that the Israel Bond sales would have to assist Israel with dollars for electric power, irrigation, industry and communications.

NO NEW POLIO OUTBREAK

Tel Aviv's 10 cases of poliomyelitis in February did not constitute an epidemic outbreak of the disease and are no cause for special concern, Dr. Ethanan Roch, Tel Aviv District Health Officer, told *The Post* last night.

A Health Ministry statement issued yesterday stated that the Tel Aviv ban on celebrations of children from different schools was a precautionary measure in view of the fact that no decline was marked in the number infantile paralysis cases recently — "an unusual phenomenon for the end of the winter."

Cotton-Wool Shortage

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Cotton-Wool Manufacturers' Association announced today no cotton-wool would be available on the market for at least three months.

They said there were neither stocks nor raw materials in the country, and the last monthly quota of $30,000 in foreign exchange for raw materials was granted in June 1951.

The last distribution of goods to pharmacies took place in January. After the next quota in foreign currency is issued, it will take at least two or three months for the raw materials to reach this country, it was stated.

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Sentence on Three U.S. Nazi Youths

PHILADELPHIA, March 4, (UP). — Three teen-age members of a "Nazi youth club" were sentenced to State institutions yesterday after they told a judge they set fire to a synagogue because "we did not like Jews." Fifteen other pupils at Olney School were placed on probation.

One 15-year-old ringleader testified there was no organized anti-Semitic movement among his schoolmates. But he and others told of goose-stepping and swastika-banners boys parading in the school yard to intimidate fellow pupils. Another 15-year-old, who admitted helping set fire to a synagogue, said he read about half of Hitler's book, "Mein Kampf." "We read that Hitler hated Jews," he said. Boys said they wore swastika armbands to "show off."

Increased U.K. Steel Exports To Israel

U.K. steel exports to Israel amounted to 10,600 tons in 1948 (exports to the Palestine Mandate having been 28,900 tons in 1947), to 14,600 tons in 1949, to 22,200 tons in 1950 and to 22,300 tons in 1951, it was revealed by the Parliamentary Undersecretary to the Board of Trade, Mr. Henry Strauss, in the British House of Commons last week.

Over IL.3m. Dollar Linked Bonds Sold

Sales of dollar-linked savings bonds until the end of last month amounted to IL.3.2m. of which IL.1.7m. were sold in the last three months. Sales in February come to IL.800,000. Purchases of these certificates at the Government-guaranteed rate of $2.80-IL.1 by individuals and provident funds increased markedly in recent months, it was announced yesterday. Provident funds have bought IL.1.9m. of certificates of which IL.500,000 were purchased in the first 10 days of March.

It was announced in Jerusalem yesterday that applications for reconversion of certificates into pounds (for which 30 days notice is required) have decreased recently and that applications submitted during January have meanwhile been withdrawn.

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Social & Personal

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Mr. Pinhas Rosen, former Minister of Justice, left the country yesterday to open the United Israel Appeal in Stockholm and will then tour Great Britain for the Appeal.

Professor Rodrigues Fabregat was the guest of the Nahariya Local Council yesterday. He was accompanied by the Uruguayan Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Juan Carlos Aristi, and Mr. Y. Bergman, the Haifa District Representative.

Mr. Robert Gottlieb, Managing Director of P.I.C.A., arrived by Air France on a short visit yesterday morning in connection with P.I.C.A. affairs.

Rabbi L. Rabinowitz, Chief Rabbi of South Africa, has returned to Israel after a visit to Karachi.

Mrs. Florence Davidson, widow of the late Jo Davidson, the sculptor, has arrived for a short visit.

Prof. A. W. Binder, Professor of Liturgical Music at the Jewish Institute of Religion, in New York, is now visiting Israel and will lecture on "The Jewish Music Movement in America," under the auspices of the Hebrew University, on March 20.

Speakers at the Vocal Newspaper to be held under the auspices of the Journalists' Association in the Mograbi Cinema in Tel Aviv on Friday night will be Mr. M. Gross-Zimmerman on "These Purim Days"; Mr. Shalom Rosenfeld on "The Diary of an Optimist"; and Mr. Haim Shurer on "Secrets from the Editorial Office."

The Tel Aviv Museum will hold a memorial meeting at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to mark the 91st birthday of Mr. Meir Dizengoff, the first Mayor of Tel Aviv. A memorial exhibition of the works of Mr. Aharon Avni will also be opened.

OBITUARY
MRS. MARGARET GUTTMANN

The Hebrew University deeply regrets to announce the death of Mrs. Margaret Guttmann, widow of the late Prof. Julius Guttmann, after a long illness. The funeral will take place today, March 11, at 2 p.m., from the Bikur Holim Hospital.

UNVEILING OF TOMBSTONE

The tombstone over the grave of David Zelzer will be unveiled at Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12. A bus will leave from 5 Rehov Montefiore, Tel Aviv.

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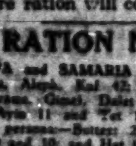

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